



## **Minutes of July 13, 2017 General Membership meeting**

- 1) **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick  
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. .
- 2) **Roll Call** -Brad Eike  
Brad called the roll, with 10 directors and 31 members and guests present.
- 3) **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel  
. Charlie made copies of the June minutes available to anyone who wanted one. Alan asked if there were any additions or corrections and there were none. Dennis Christiansen made a motion to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Ron Schubbe. It was passed by all present.
- 4) **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina  
Fred reported income of \$2350 from display banners, \$25 for dues, \$80 from flea market, \$200 for Farm banners, \$92 from pedal tractor raffle, and \$1000 for sponsorship of petting zoo. We had expenses for Advertising (WLVI) of \$840, insurance payment of \$1950.50, Alan Heatherwick for misc. expenses of \$88.40, Cal's Printing for \$97.86, Metallics, Inc for 200 plaques at \$481.41. Great World received \$179 for 300 buttons and Connie Schuler was repaid for T-shirts with \$429.61. Russ Hossbach made a motion to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Pat Noonan. The motion was passed by all present.
- 5) **Old Business** -Brad Eike  
Show permit was received, pending inspections on tents, electric panel, water test, numbers of porta-johns, etc.  
  
Posters need to be distributed.  
  
PA system checks out, and we have back-ups, courtesy of "The Olde Time Farm Show".  
  
Computer software checks out as well. We are ready to try listing "parade of power" entries in a laptop.
- 6) **New Business**  
Jim Robbins was present to report on the tractor parade route. They will leave

the show grounds heading east, eventually going toward Elwood. They will be stopping at Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie, which is about the ½ way point, then head back by a different route. Tractors can register up till they are ready to leave. Extra pork chop dinners can be ordered for individuals for \$15.

- 7) Kim reported that 22 crafters are lined up to come, 7 flea marketers are paid, with several more interested. Radio spots will be heard this week and next. Al will be interviewed at 7:30 AM, after the morning news on WVLI.WIVR 92.7, 101.7 and 103.7. Fliers will be delivered to local businesses, to be included with take-outs or deliveries. Kim and Chuck will be measuring 12' x 12' spaces for crafters, and 25' by 25' spaces for flea market, Sunday at 10 AM 7/16/17.

Lane asked if anyone would like to volunteer to register equipment in the show office.

Alan suggested 3 x 5 post cards be printed, advertising "Spiess Farm in 18" to be given in member packets and handed out to exhibitors. Start up officially starts now, with tents going up Tuesday. Schedule to set up saw mill and thresher is flexible. The saw mill will arrive Saturday morning and 5 – 10 x25 spaces need to be marked out for vendors so there isn't any arguments.

Lane, Ron, and Charlie are working on installing shades on the bleachers.

Buttons and plaques are here.

Refrigerator and freezer will be delivered Monday and it was decided that we need 30 cases of water.

The Kettle corn vendor requested a camp space.

Ron motioned that we order the 3 x 5 cards suggested by Alan. George Roemer seconded that motion, which was passed by all present

It was decided by all that we feature "IHC" for year 2018

- 8) Brad reported selling 110 raffle tickets at the Sandwich Engine Show, 88 red and 22 green. The petting zoo will cost \$850 per day, and Brad has sponsors for 2 days. It was decided that if Boy Scouts show up to work, we will have them watch over the kids tent. The Rock Falls show had 50 to 60 tractors displayed, and it was a very nice show.
- 9) Alan reminded us that there will be an appreciation picnic dinner served to crafters and workers in the tent after closing on Thursday, "on the club".

Larry Merek mentioned hearing from Terry Welshans, who sends his regards to all members.

Eric has ordered 8 fire extinguishers.

Drinking water will be delivered on Tuesday.

Connie will sell t-shirts for \$10 tonight, and they will be \$15 at the show. She reminded everyone that she needs baked goods to sell in the Country Store, and she would like umbrellas donated for people to use while walking between exhibits, also we can use more "treasures".

Charlie will be harvesting some wheat to open up the field and there are at least 3 antique combines coming.

There is a reminder to register gators or golf carts and remember to keep speed under 5 MPH.

Alan needs announcers for the people movers. He also reported that Mr. Schaaf will have his Prairie tractors here.

**10)** Butch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Carol Hossbach. It was passed by all present.

**Please note: Meeting change to August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

#### **Upcoming activities:**

JI Case Anniversary Expo	August 10 <sup>th</sup> .thru 13 <sup>th</sup> .	Albert City IA.
Sycamore Steam Show	August 10 <sup>th</sup> thru 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sycamore, IL
½ Century of Progress	August. 24 – 27, 2017	Rantoul,IL

#### **Membership meetings:**

	<b>August 3, 2017</b>	
<b>October 12, 2017</b>	<b>November 9, 2017</b>	<b>December 14, 2017</b>

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